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(Case No. 98,541-C)

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| In the Application of:                        | ) |                          |
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| Serial No.: 09/721,096                        | ) |                          |
|                                               | ) | Group Art Unit: 1743     |
| Filing Date: November 22, 2000                | ) |                          |
|                                               | ) | Confirmation No. 4217    |
| For: Removal Of Embedding Media               | ) |                          |
| From Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning | ) |                          |
| on Automated Staining Instruments             | ) |                          |

**REPLY TO THE JANUARY 12, 2004 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the January 12, 2004 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.